

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

IJDO et al.

Serial No. 10/620,617

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Title: VISCOSITY STABLE SMECTITE CLAY

SLURRIES

Customer No.

23911

Group Art Unit: 1755

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Confirmation No. 9661

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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